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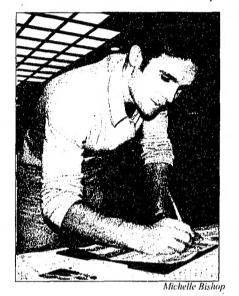
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# Debate Watch 2004 encourages election dialogue among UNO students

JULIAN IVEY STAFF WRITER

"Critical Writing for the Mass Media required it," said Brian Fitzpatrick when asked why he was attending the first part of UNO's Debate Watch 2004 held on campus



Besmir Milloshi registers to vote for his first election during "Debate Watch 2004" held Thursday night in the Student Center.

last Thursday. Most of the students at the event came for similar reasons, but not all students did.

"I'm here to translate for a friend," said Nicholas Benton.

The night began at 7:30 p.m. with a survey, followed by the debate, then small group discussions without political commentary from the television.

National Communication Association and the Commission on the Presidential Debates sponsored the event as part of the university's American Democracy Project. The American Democracy Project is a multi-campus project trying to increase public involvement and understanding in societal issues.

Debate Watch 2004 provided a chance for everyone in the community to come together in a non-partisan forum to watch and discuss topics and candidates. An estimated 250 people attended Thursday night. Some had never watched a debate before and were not sure what to expect.

"I think this should help people finally make their decision about who is the right person for this job," said Matt Lathan.

Chris Conry said, "I expect both candidates to try their best, but unfortunately



Dozens of round tables filled the Ballroom on the second floor of the Milo Bail Student Center Thursday night. Students and faculty watched the Presidential debate. Afterwards, they partipated in small group discussions.

I expect Bush to steamroll Kerry."

Kyle McClellan, who keeps a close eye on the issues wasn't as enthusiastic about the upcoming debate.

"I'm full of apathy. If I wanted to watch

a script, I would have gone to a movie," he

Most needed to watch for obvious reasons. They wanted to know how the candidates felt about the issues and how

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## Students should remain aware of the price of illegal gambling

Leia Baez SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 2, Nebraskans will vote for or against extended gambling in Nebraska. But for some UNO students, extended gambling already exists in the state.

"I used to live in the South campus dorms and I knew guys that threw Las Vegas nights once or twice a week, at least once a month," said sophomore Wyndham Jones.

Jones said the Las Vegas nights consisted of a group of students getting together to gamble for money.

"It was mainly a poker night," Jones said. "Sometimes it was more than that."

But as harmless as it seemed to Jones, any unauthorized gambling activity on campus or in Nebraska is illegal.

Paul Kosel, Campus Security assistant manager, said he has no knowledge of any reports of illegal gambling on campus.

However, if there were such incidents, Kosel said the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs would be notified and would take

However, Omaha Police Officer David Volenec, said he hasn't seen a recent trend in illegal gambling.

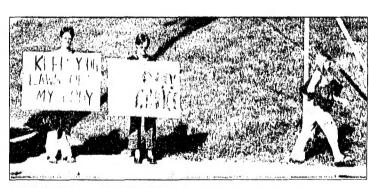
"I don't think we have necessary seen any spike or increase in gambling activity,"

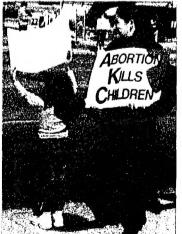
According to the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, the only legal forms of gambling in Nebraska are: wagering on horse races when conducted within a licensed Nebraska racetrack enclosure; bingo conducted by licensed organizations; lotteries and raffles conducted by qualified organizations; county and city lotteries, including keno; pickle card lotteries conducted by licensed organizations; Nebraska Lottery scratch tickets or online ticket games; and lawful tribal gaming conducted on an Indian reservation located in Nebraska.

Anything else could result in criminal

Nebraska statute 28-1104 states that any person that knowingly participates in unlawful gambling as a player by betting less than \$300 in any one day is committing a Class

IV misdemeanor.





Above and left, opposing participants take part in Life Chain Sunday, a day designated during the first Sunday of October for antiabortion supporters. The chain stretched from 46th to 62nd and Dodge Streets Sunday afternoon.

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## Campus news briefs

COMPILED BY J. PARKER ADAIR NEWS EDITOR

Student Government elections Oct. 12-13 Student Government elections at UNO are set for Oct. 12-13. The polls will be open on Oct. 12 from 6 a.m. to midnight and Oct. 13 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Students can vote online from any computer. To vote, go to sguno.unomaha. edu. All students will need their pin number to vote.

For more information, call 554-2620. For a list of candidates, see the ad on page 5.

Fidelity representative on campus this fall Fidelity Investments, a financial services and investment resources provider, has set the dates for a series of fall campus visits. A Fidelity consultant will be available to provide free one-on-one counseling sessions.

Appointments can be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, Oct. 7;
- Wednesday, Nov. 17; and
- Monday, Dec. 6.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-

For more information, contact Esther Scarpello at 554-3660.

Annual Bell Tower Challenge adds new "Design the Bell Tower" contest

The annual UNO Bell Tower Challenge, sponsored by Eta Sigma Gamma, is set for Oct. 20. The event, a campus tradition, collects canned goods for the Omaha Food

In addition to the regular competition, in which teams compete to stack as many food cans as possible while the bells of the Henningson Memorial Campanile chime at noon, the challenge is adding a new

Eta Sigma Gamma is also sponsoring a "Design the Bell Tower" contest. Entrants need to obtain a paper model of the Bell Tower from Eta Sigma Gamma. They are available in room 207 of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building. The paper models are provided by the UNO Alumni Association.

Entrants can decorate and/or design a paper model any way they like. Judges will select the top three designs. The first prize is \$30, the second prize is \$20 and the third prize is \$10.

The entry fee is at least 10 cans of food per entry. Those interested may enter up to three models each. The winners also will be featured on the Eta Sigma Gamma Web site at http://www.unomaha.edu/~healthed/ ESG.html.

For more information, contact David Corbin at 554-2670.

Pathways to Harmony Workshop Oct. 29

The UNO Office of Diversity will present its Pathways to Harmony diversity workshop Oct. 29. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room. All members of campus are invited to attend.

The interactive workshop is designed to increase awareness of diversity issues at UNO, help participants develop a personal and professional plan, and assist in creating an environment in which all employees are appreciated for their differences, similarities and unique qualities.

Formoreinformationabouttheprogram, visit the Pathways to Harmony Web site at www.unomaha.edu/~pathways/.

To register for the workshop, contact Mary K. Clark at 554-2872 or Sharon Ulmar at sulmar@mail.unomaha.edu.

#### Metro-area notes

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Sen. Hagel outlines service opportunities

In a statement, U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) outlined the need for service from Americans and Nebraskans. He gave six examples of what Nebraskans can do to help others.

Help enroll Nebraskans in a Medicare demonstration program: The project can help to give people with specific diseases immediate access to medications they would not otherwise get until 2006. More information can be found at www. hhs.gov/researchers/demos/ drugcoveragedemo.asp

Operation Shoe Fly: This program collects and distributes shoes to children in Afghanistan.

Army Captain Jed Dimon from Axtell, Neb. began the program when he asked family and friends to send shoes instead of candy to the soldiers to pass out to children. More information can be found at www.operationshoefly.com or by contacting First United Presbyterian Church, 414 Delaware Ave. in York, Neb. at (402) 362-5176.

Community Action Program: Volunteers are needed as teaching aides, food distributors, daycare workers as well as collecting contributions, supplies and other donated items. CAP is in its 40<sup>th</sup> year and currently has eight community action programs, each offering multiple service opportunities. More information is available at www.ncaf.org.

Make a Difference Day: Across the state on Oct. 23, volunteers are encouraged to

participate in a "Make a Difference Day." Individuals interested in volunteering can choose where and how they want to volunteer. More information is available at www. makeadifferenceday.com.

Keep Nebraska Beautiful: Forty years ago, Gov. Frank B. Morrison issued an Executive Order creating "Keep Nebraska Beautiful." Four decades later, Nebraskans are still sharing in the responsibility of that, making sure that future generations can benefit from a beautiful state. Activities include recycling, clean up and beautification programs.

Quilts for wounded soldiers at Andrews Air Force Base: Hagel's wife, Lilibet, is working on a continuous project to collect lap-size and twin-size quilts for returning injured military personnel at Andrews Air Force Base. Completed quilts and a small

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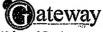
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## Bush, Kerry debate who can best lead in wartime

STEVEN THOMMA AND JAMES KUHNHENN KNAHERIOGR NEWSBURG (KKI)

Sen, John Kerry accused President Bush of making a "colossal error" in invading Iraq, hoping a sharp attack in their first debate Thursday would shake up the presidential campaign five weeks before voters go to the polls.

Bush countered that Kerry was a political opportunist who voted to authorize the war, then denounced it and thus discounted his effectiveness as a potential commander in chief.

"What message does that send?" Bush asked repeatedly:

The 90-minute face-off was the first debate over national security between the leaders of the country's two major political parties since the United States was attacked by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. It also was the first such televised encounter ever during wartime. There were no presidential debates during the Vietnam War.

Kerry needed to score against Bush, facing the incumbent 32 days before Election Day, with Bush holding a slight lead in most polls but the race still close enough to swing either way.

With as many as 60 million Americans watching the debate offered the single best chance for Kerry to gain ground or for Bush to solidify his lead. Though many voters have already made up their minds, Thursday night's audience still was likely to be the largest of the three debates— and its subjects of war and national security the most pressing.

Indeed, news from Iraq Thursday competed with the debate and underscored the stakes. First, terrorist car bombings killed 14 adults and at least 35 children accepting candy from American soldiers at the grand opening of a sewage treatment plant in Baghdad. Another 200 people, many children, were injured. Later, United States and Iraqi forces launched a major attack against the insurgent stronghold of Samarra.

Kerry stayed on the offensive throughout the showdown, held at the University of Miami,

labeling Bush as a careless leader who let terrorist Osama bin Laden escape in Afghanistan, led the country precipitously into war in Iraq without proper planning and ignored vital security needs at home, such as securing ports.

Bush defended his record as a determined and steadfast leader who's taken the fight to enemics abroad. Even when Americans disagree with him, he said, they know where he stands.

Kerry said Bush wrongly took his focus off the war against terror in Afghanistan to invade Iraq and that he went to war there too quickly, without enough troops, allies or planning for how to secure the post-war peace.

"This president has made, I regret to say, a colossal error of judgment, and judgment is what we look for in the president of the United States of America," Kerry said.

Of bin Laden, Kerry said Americans should've captured him in the Tora Bora mountains of Afghanistan in late 2001. "We had him surrounded," Kerry said. "But we didn't use American forces, the best trained in the world to go kill him. The president relied on Afghan warlords that he outsourced that job to."

The Democratic presidential nominee said Afghanistan has slipped backward since an American-led coalition invaded in retaliation for the Sept. 11 attacks. He said Afghanistan now produces 75 percent of the world's opium and that elections have been postponed three times.

Turning back to Iraq, Kerry said Bush doesn't acknowledge how bad things are.

"It's getting worse every day." Kerry said. "More soldiers killed in June than before, more in July than June, more in August than July, more in September than in August. And we see beheadings, and we got weapons of mass destruction crossing the border every single day, and they're blowing people up."

Kerry insisted he would be a strong defender of the United States.

"I can make America safer than President Bush has made us," Kerry said. "I believe



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Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush shake hands after debating at the University of Miami Convocation Center in Coral Gables, Fla., on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004.

President Bush and I both love our country equally, but we just have a different set of convictions about how you make America safe. I believe America is safest and strongest when we are leading the world, and when we are leading strong alliances.

"I'll never give a veto to any country over our security. But I also know how to lead those alliances," Kerry said. "This president has left them in shatters across the globe, and we're now 90 percent of the casualties in Iraq and 90 percent of the costs."

Bush countered strongly that he's led a successful war against terrorism.

"We pursued al-Qaida wherever al Qaida tries to hide," Bush said. "Seventy-five percent of known al Qaida leaders have been brought to justice. The rest of them know we're after them. ... The Taliban is no longer in power. Ten million people have registered to vote in Afghanistan in the upcoming presidential election.

"In Iraq, we saw a threat, and we realized that after September the 11th, we must take threats seriously before they fully materialize. Saddam Hussein now sits in a prison cell; America and the world are safer for it. We continue to pursue our policy of disrupting those who would proliferate weapons of mass destruction. Libya has disammed. The A.Q. Khan network has been brought to justice."

Bush acknowledged that many Americans disagree with his policies.

"I understand everybody in this country doesn't agree with the decisions that I've made," he said. "And I've made some tough decisions. But people know where I stand. People out there listening know what I believe, and that's how best it is to keep the peace."

On Iraq, Bush pointedly noted that Kerry had seen the same intelligence and had declared Saddam Hussein a threat. He also reminded people that Kerry once observed that anyone like Democratic primary rival Howard Dean who believed the capture of Saddam didn't make America any safer didn't have the judgment to be president.

"I agree with him," Bush said, turning Kerry's words against him.

Bush also reminded viewers repeatedly that Kerry has criticized the Iraq war as "the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time," saying that stance would make it next to impossible for Kerry to get more allies to participate as he's promised.

"I don't see how you can lead this country to succeed in Iraq if you say wrong war, wrong time, wrong place," Bush said. "What message does that send to our allies? What message does that send the Iraqis? No, the way to win this is to be steadfast and resolved and to follow through on the plan that I just outlined."

Bush also insisted that bin Laden, while still free, is no longer an effective leader of terrorists against the United States.

"He's isolated," Bush said. "Seventy-five percent of his people have been brought to justice. The mastermind of the September the 11th attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, is in prison. We're making progress."

He said progress has been made in Afghanistan, noting that 10 million people have registered to vote, 41 percent of them women.

On homeland security, Kerry said Bush hasn't spent enough money. He said Bush hasn't spent anything to secure tunnels and subway systems, that 95 percent of containers arriving in U.S. ports aren't inspected and that the cargo holds of airplanes aren't X-rayed. He also complained that the United States is spending money on police in Iraq while cutting federal spending for local police at home.

"This president thought it was more important to give the wealthiest people in America a tax cut rather than invest in homeland security," Kerry said.

Bush countered that he's tripled spending on homeland security to \$30 billion a year, added a thousand border-patrol agents to the Southern border, spent \$3.1 billion for local fire and police departments, made counterterrorism a top priority, signed the Patriot Act to give federal authorities more tools and approved the creation of the Homeland Security Department to coordinate federal security efforts.

Ultimately, Bushsaid, the best way to defend against terrorists is to find them first. "The best way to protect you is to stay on the offense," he said

The event was more a split-screen dual news conference than a debate in the classic sense. The rules negotiated by Bush and Kerry aides prohibited the candidates from directly questioning each other. Only the two major party candidates were allowed; commission rules kept out Ralph Nader and other third-party candidates because they didn't have the support of at least 15 percent of voters as measured in polls.

Several pressing issues were mentioned only in passing or not at all. Among them were the crackdown on democracy in Russia, China's growing economic power and political influence in Southeast Asia, the Middle East peace process, immigration policy and Cuba.

The debate was sponsored by the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates. The second debate will be held in St. Louis on Friday, Oct. 8, and will feature both men answering questions from voters in a town hall setting. The third and final debate will be held in Tempe, Ariz., on Oct 13, and will focus on the economy and other demostic issues.



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#### Stop the Hate Vigil Thursday

The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission will host a "Stop the Hate Vigil" at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center/State Office Building, 1313 Farnam St., on Thursday from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. The event is billed as being for people who want to know about fair housing practices and housing discrimination.

Presentations will be made by: the Hate Crimes Project, Fair Housing Center, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Immigrant Rights of Iowa-Nebraska, First National Bank Choral Group, North High School and NEOC.

#### Omaha Public Library sees changes to North Omaha

Omaha's Charles B. North Washington library branch will be closed Monday to prepare for remodeling and expansion. The branch will be temporarily moved to the Gateway Center, 4401 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street. The temporary library will open Nov. 1 and continue to provide services and books for all ages.

New construction will add 8,000 square feet to the current 10,250-square foot structure. It will also increase the 34-stall parking lot to one with 80 stalls.

Completion on the 33-year-old building is scheduled for early spring

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they would be handled.

"I don't know much about Kerry, so I'm interested in hearing what he has to say," said Eric Burton.

Fitzpatrick, however, felt differently, "I want to hear Bush; I think he's a good president.'

At 8 p.m., the debate began. The mediator, Jim Lehrer, asked the audience in Miami to not cheer during the event. Some at UNO did not listen and mocked the candidates, but most watched quietly.

Afterwards people broke into small groups, finished their surveys and discussed what they saw. "It had a nice set-up, the debate was good," said Burton.

McClellan saw what he expected to see while Conry was surprised, "Kerry looked good," he said.

Most of the people on hand seemed to agree with Conry's view.

"Kerry looked more rehearsed, Bush got on the defensive and stayed there," said Fitzpatrick.

Benton said "It was like a one-sided rap battle and Bush couldn't rhyme."

This was exactly what Dr. Barbara Pickering, assistant professor of Communication at UNO, said Debate Watch 2004 is all about. "We want to get people to watch the debates, talk about them without hearing the reporters' views and encourage people to be involved," said Pickering.

The second part of Debate Watch 2004 will be held tonight in the Nebraska room of the Milo Bail student center at 7:30 p.m.

## Candidates Running for 2004 Student Government Elections

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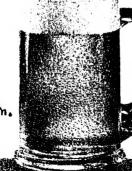
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## Twenty Questions for the UNO Student

COMPILED BY BECKY BOYER AND CRYSTAL R. REID





Crystal R. Reid

Name: Lynn Johnson-Romero Age: 26 Major: Secondary Education Year: Junior Hometown: Omaha

1. Describe yourself in five words. "Intuitive, conscientious, compassionate, self-conscious, determined."

2. Whatareyou most proud of accomplishing and why? 'T'm proud that I'm continuing my education."

3. What would you change about yourself? "I'd like to be a little more disciplined."

4. What do you want to be when you grow up? "A history teacher. I'd like to leave Ornaha, teach at a high school and eventually at a university level"

5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years? "Teaching at a university level, being a professor."

6. What's in your CD player right now? "Guster. They're like an independent band."

7. Who is the greatest band/performer of all time? "Beethoven. At the time he was, like, really controversial. He was doing things in music that weren't done at that time."

8. Greatest movie of all time and why? "Crouding Tiger, Hidden Dragon because of the cinematography, music and the acting."

9. Who are you voting for in this election? "I'm unclecided. Kerry just seems too slick to me. He doesn't seem truthful... more phony. And I think Bush got us into some serious trouble in Iraq that we're going to have some big problems with later. It's going to be really hard to get out of, a lot harder than he thought it was. I think he dove into it without thinking about the ramifications."

10. Why? "I don't really like either one of them."

11. How do you feel about the war in Iraq? "It's getting quickly out of hand. We're not going to be able to wrap it up anytime soon."

12. How do you feel about possible reinstatement of the draft? "No way. I just think that it shouldn't be a duty for a young man of 18. Eighteen nowadays is a lot more different than 18 was back then, in World War II times. I don't think you should have to serve in the military if you don't want to."

13. What would you do to change the world? "Educate people. Provide better education

to those third world countries, to those people that can't seem to get ahead."

14. Who would win in a fight between Batman and Superman (and why)? 'Superman, because he has more powers."

15. What would you change about UNO and why? "Parking, because it's maddening. I take the shuttle from Crossroads. It's just a lot of time wasted, waiting for the shuttle."

16. Why did you choose UNO? "Convenience Because it's close."

17. What advice would you give to incoming freshman? "Take summer classes. You can get done a lot faster"

18. Anything you'd like to say to your professors? "Get the dass more involved—class participation. I think when instructors stand up there and drone on for an hour and 15 minutes, you lose a lot of the students."

19. What would you do with a million dollars? "Move away from Omaha. Move to Europe."

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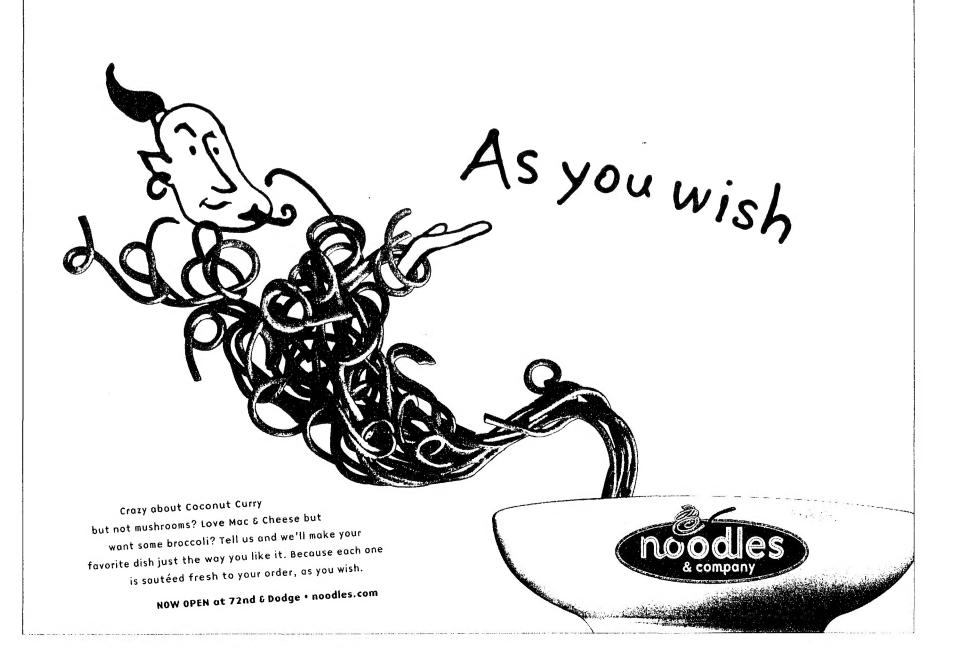
Confidence emanates from the way you gracefully carry yourself. When you possess perfect posture and walk with your head held high, you exhibit body language that reveals you're confident. If, however, your shoulders are always rounded and your back is hunched over, you can't expect to portray your inner confidence.

Poor posture can be the result of a tight chest and weak back. It can be improved immensely by training your back to correct the muscular imbalance. A shapely sculpted back gives the body a beautiful symmetrical shape with the illusion of a smaller waist. The resulting improved posture can actually make you appear taller.

Most importantly, a strong back can help prevent injuries to your shoulder joints and neck.

Painstakingly performing the Lat Pull Down is a good place to start when training your back. Begin with a pronated grip on the pull down bar with your hands close as comfortable to either end of the bar. Then, while scated with your thighs positioned under the pads and your feet flat on the floor, arch your back slightly and squeeze your shoulder blades together as you pull the bar down toward your upper chest. At the bottom of the movement, hold momentarily and then return to the starting position by controlling the full extension of your arms to allow the bar to rise back up. Try three sets of 12 to 15 reps at a challenging weight.

When conveying confidence, verbosity does little to validate your position. Back it up with body language, however, and you'll blow them away every time.



# Project Achieve helps underprivileged students succeed, experience college

BRYAN KOHLER STAFF WRITER

For the past 12 years, a grant-funded program has been at UNO that currently helps around 150 underprivileged college

However, this particular program hasn't been in the public eye.

A program such as this offers study skills and career counseling, just to name a couple of their many resources.

This is known as Project Achieve and it provides a friendly, caring staff along with counseling and other resources to help underprivileged students succeed. But what are the qualifications to be a part of this program?

In all actuality, they are quite simple: the person must qualify as a first-generation, low-income and/or disabled college student, based on federal guidelines. One must have proof of these guidelines to be fully admitted.

Josiah McCormick, a junior, states that the program has made him a more confident and all-around better student. He appreciates the program's help and even said that he would be lost without it.

This comes to show that Project Achieve strives to give underprivileged students an educational and fun college experience while mainly focusing on one-on-one tutoring.

Other benefits that the program gives students include helping with the transitions from a high school or community college to UNO, financial aid, counseling, and above all else, friendship. Although this program is very beneficial to students, not many people know about it.

Sharon Ulmar, the director of the program, wants to create awareness around campus so that more qualified students can get the help they need.

"There are very valuable services we provide for our students," she said.

And according to McCormick, it is obvious that the program wants to help.

This is Ulmar's first year on Project Achieve and she is trying to partner with other programs to further assist the students. She also hopes that more students take advantage of this opportunity.

Out of all of the current students at UNO, hopefully some can find help where it is generously given.

For additional information about the program, either visit the Project Achieve of ficein room 117 in the Eppley Administration building, or call 554-0612. Keep in mind that if you qualify for the program, the earlier this office is contacted, the higher the advantages.

## Fashion sizzles with Latin inspired feminine fashions

**ELIZABETH WELLINGTON** KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Ponchos and bolero-style jackets. Satiny skirts in bold greens, purples, oranges and yellows. Bronzer for the year-round tanned lóok.

Red, round-toed pumps and skinny

Think of the above Latin-inspired items as the core pieces of your earlywinter wardrobe, then sprinkle in furs, tweeds and argyles. Punctuate with a tropical print silk scarf. Add a glittery golden brooch, or two.

The result: Luxe ensembles that blend Caribbean, Southwestern and European nuances with dress-up vintage. So fall 2004 chic. So now. So h-h-hot.

"What we have now is a big eclectic mix, and the beauty is that it's heavy on elements that tie directly back to Hispanic culture," said Erika Prosper, director of marketing at Garcia 360, a Texas-based firm that studies Latino Shopping habits.

The Latin culture: fiestas, salsas, the joy of living . . . are all big in pop culture right now, right down to tapas. Latinas have traditionally mixed textures, and the influence is really strong this fall."

That's not to say that everything fashionably fly this season has to shout Ole! But the influence, which began with the peasant look in the 2001-2002 fashion season, ushered in the beginning of today's haute-couture girly-girl, after years of khaki onslaught.

It was those simple looks - blousy, ruffly shirts, silk cargo pants and tasseled bags, said Nordstrom fashion director Gregg Andrews - that flaunted Old World Spanish themes.

But as the feminine fashionista hits her stride, designers have added glamour to the mix. This fall that reads as lots of fur, faux and real, glitter and golden brooches- luxuriousness grounded

with items of Latin sensibility.

Ponchos, for example, are a fashion necessity this season, along with bolerostyle jackets, slim-fitting skirts and bright-colored high-heeled shoes.

"The return femininity is driving a lot of what you see," said Betty Cortina, editorial director of Lalina magazine.

To suggest that Latin style is just about the peasant look or hot mamas and spiciness is ridiculous. It's about being a woman, not having to hide it, understanding your role, and realizing that it does not diminish any other part of you."

Trendmakers didn't intend for Latin chic to be a running theme of their fall fashion lines, said Marshall Cohen, fashion analyst for NPD Market Research. It more or less happened as designers looked around and created runway shows based on how celebrities put themselves together. Staunch people-watchers, they checked out patrons of "it" places, too.

"People are coming at this Latin fusion from all directions," Cohen said.

But one thing is for sure. We are at the beginning of seeing southof-the-border culture becoming mainstays of fashion."

One reason is that Latinos are the fastest-growing ethnic group in the country. They spend more than \$700 billion in retail a year, Prosper said, so marketers are targeting them big time.

Over the last decade in the fashion

world, designers Carolina Herrera and Narciso Rodriguez have brought sophisticated and subtle Latin flair to their ready-to-wear fashions.

But it was Jennifer Lopez, with her



The embroidered jacket by Biya (\$663), and beaded necklace (\$78), at Matthew Izzo. Her Nine West Easy Off shoes (\$75) are at Macy's.

chandelier earrings, voluptuous curves, and glowing bronze skin who did the most to inspire the lust for all things

This fall, the momentum continues. Tom Ford's final collection for Gucci, as well as the offerings of Prada, Akris and

Chanel, all feature ponchos fashioned in fabrics from cashmere to cotton. Roberto Cavalli showed ruffled Gypsy looks with cinched waists in deep purples, yellows and limes.

"We are seeing a very strong multicultural influence," said Denelle Green-Drake, spokeswoman for Neiman Marcus. "That is melding with the return to Hollywood for exciting fashions with a 1950s and 1960s flair."

Even the classic ready-to-wear designers are on board.

Ralph Lauren is having a very turquoise year, if his catalog is any indication. The signature Ann Taylor woman has luxurious dark hair decorated with a pink rose.

This month, Kmart will roll out fashions by music mogul Tommy Mottola's wife, Thalia Sodi. Daisy Fuentes introduced a line at Mervyn's this month. Carlos Santana has a shoe

How does one mix Latina spice and '50s glam without looking like a thriftstore reject?

Letting go of staid fashion rules is key. Remember: satin is perfecto with tweed, and lime green goes with purple and is amped up with a touch of rust. Fur shrugs can be worn over white cotton button-down shirts to the office this fall.

Grab a waist-length tweed jacket to go with the silky rust ruffled skirt. ¡Estupendo! Strap on a pair of burgundy stiletto Mary Janes. ¡Fenomenal! Ditch the skirt for a pair of jeans for a chic nighttime look. ¡Fantastico!

Remember, said Prosper, it wasn't the chicks on "Sex and the City" but "Latinas who started wearing high heels with jeans."

Now feel the salsa beginning to rumble inside.









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# Organizations have high hopes for young voter participation

RYAN JONESON STAFF WRITER

Today, voting is only restricted for people under 18 and convicted felons, yet many people will choose not to exercise their right to vote.

There are many theories on why over the past 100 years there has been a steep drop in the number of people who go to the polls, with young people in particular being the target.

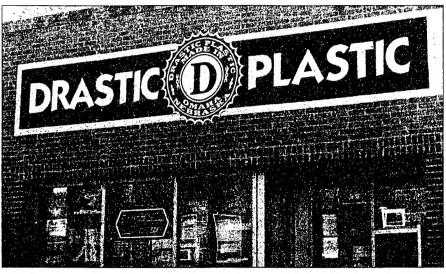
"I'm debating whether or not to vote," says sophomore Aaron Albin.

"Ijust don't really care for either candidate or either of the parties they represent." Albin, who is majoring in Spanish and international studies, has some of the same perspectives made quite simple. You are in fact allowed to vote wherever you live, whether in a dorm, apartment or at your parents' house. Any student living in a dorm is entitled to the same rights as other voters. They do not have to file an absentee ballot if they are attending college as an out-of-state student.

Drastic Plastic, a music store in the Old Market, recently held a voter registration drive outside of their store. Their goal was to get 100 new voters registered.

"Yeah, I think it's really important for the younger people to vote," said Drastic Plastic clerk and UNO student Kathleen Massara.

Organizations such as Rock the Vote and Drastic Plastic's voter registration drive are not focused on promoting one particular candidate or political party, but they instead



Crystal R. Reid

Organizations and businesses such as Drastic Plastic, 1209 Howard St., have been working to encourage and register people to vote.

that many younger-college aged voters share.

"In Nebraska, my vote will not count unless it is cast for Bush and the whole voting system in this country really leaves me with no political convictions," said Albin.

Concerns such as those expressed by Albin may be major reasons why the youth of America have such a terrible turnout at the polls.

In response to the concerns amongst younger voters, education programs on college campuses and national programs such as MTV's Rock the Vote aim at showing students the importance of voting and what impact the political parties have on the country.

Rock the Vote was founded in 1990 and aims at educating younger Americans on the importance of voting. The organization is non-profit and employs many pop icons that young people are familiar with to spread their message.

Their Web site, www.rockthevote.com, states that their mission is "dedicated to protecting freedom of expression and empowering young people to change their world."

Rock the Vote is closely involved with MTV, which airs commercials and sponsors events for the organization.

This year, Rock the Vote is using a program called Do it on Campus in an effort to bring college aged students to the polls this November. Do it on Campus relies on students banding together to persuade their friends and classmates to vote. Volunteers dispel myths about student voting, like the belief that you cannot register to vote if you live in a dorm, or you must vote absentee from your parent's address.

The voting process has actually been

aim at getting people to vote.

"People who choose not to vote come up with all sorts of excuses, but in reality most of them, if not all, are just lazy," said freshman Justin Kassube. "If you could cast your vote sitting on the couch in the middle of the afternoon, nearly every one of the people who claims they are not voting because of some moral conviction would cast a vote."

Kassube, who is a political science major, is one of the eligible voters between the ages of 18-25 who will turn out to vote this November.

The exact estimate of the number of those who do vote in this age group varies between 25-34 percent depending on the survey.

"What if one of those people who say they don't care or voting does not matter, was drafted and had to go fight in a war three years from now? Then they might think differently about how important their vote is," said Kassube.

Moe Barakat, a junior at UNO feels that the attitude of pop culture and youth is a major obstacle that keeps college-aged voters away from the polls.

"We take so much for granted in this country that it is absolutely sickening. I mean I just saw an eight-year-old kid with a cell phone the other day. This does not directly have anything to do with the election or voting, but is evidence of how spoiled many of us are in this country and why we take so much for granted," Barakat said. "Nowhere else in the world is there more freedom to choose leaders and criticize how they perform, but many of us just see these rights as a given. We are a nation acting like a bunch of teenagers with maxed-out credit cards, running around and taking what we want but not realizing the price."

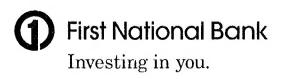
# NEED CASH BETWEEN CLASSES?

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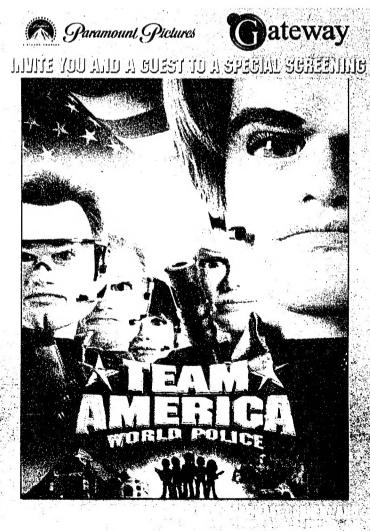
Above: Before hitting the runway, the models apply the finishing touches to their appearance. Brandy Scurlock uses a mirror to help apply her makeup; while in the background, Nadira Ford applies Amelia Dorsey's eye shadow before the fashion show held Friday night in the Milo Bail Student Center.

Right: Nadira Ford models fitness gear during the fashion show.

Far right: Stacey Muzorewa performs during the Powerful Poets segment of the fashion show hosted by UNO's African American organization.





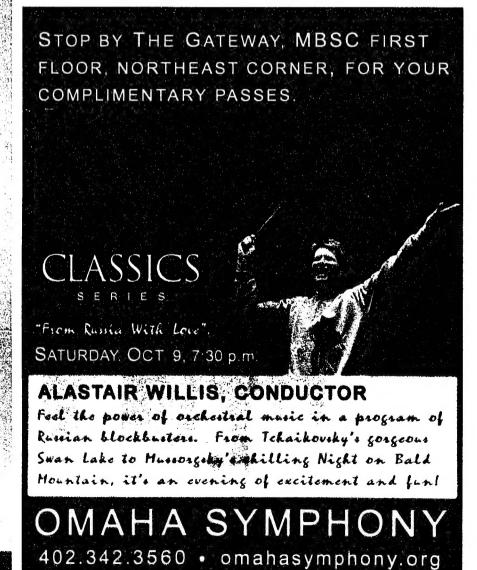


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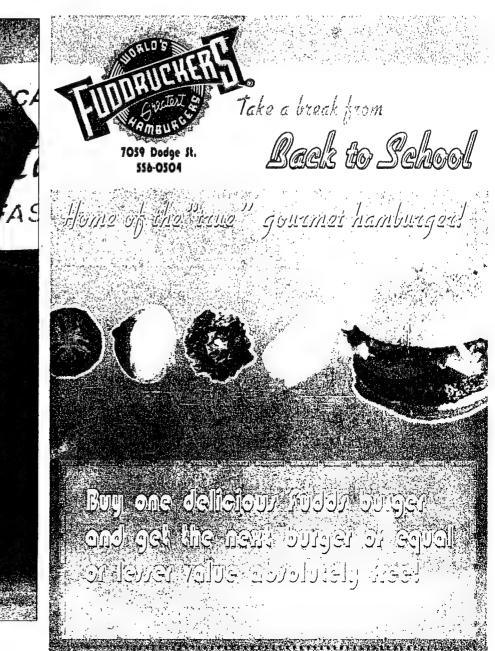




Above: Models show off the latest in fitness attire during the show.

Above and below: Models show off 'After Five' wear during the show.





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## Anarchy Comics offers DVDs, more

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With so many comic book stores in Omaha, many store owners find it hard to be unique. Among them, Anarchy Comics has found its place by redefining what it means to be unique and inspired. Anarchy caters to the imaginative geek in all of us.

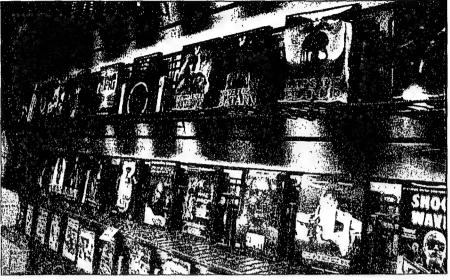
Over the summer, Anarchy went beyond typical comic fare by introducing movie rentals to its business. With so many comic-book-to-cinema movies coming out, it was easy to offer superhero movies to those who already love their icons in print. Over a short period of time, fan-favorites and beloved cult classic B-movies made their way onto the rental shelves at Anarchy, along with some anime and, most recently, a section of martial arts movies.

Among the current movies for rent, you will find Mystery Science Theater 3000, Ichi the Killer House and Killer Klowns from Outerspace; movies said to be so absolutely terrible they are fantastic. At \$3 per rental-three days for new movies and five days for regular movies—the prices remain competitive when compared to bigger movie rental companies with that might not otherwise cater to the comic-loving crowd.

The owner of Anarchy Comics, Wayne Mardi, has tried to make the store an experience for those who find its underground hiding spot in the Old Market (1212 Howard St., beneath Subway). Besides a wide selection of comics, Mardi wolcomes local comic book artists to place their books on

> in his store. On Friday and Saturday nights, most of the tables filled with patrons playing popular collectible card games or Dungeons and Dragons. Josh Bashara Everyone is welcome to bring their





Anarchy Comics, 1212Howard St, offers fan favorites such as classic B-movies for it's patrons to rent.

groups to play and reserve table space. Regular groups even receive discounts.

There's always more going on at Anarchy than comics and movies, too. When the tables are pushed out of the way, the dungeon-like space becomes a performance area for bands. The local band Plecostomus has played at Anarchy several times, with more shows planned

"We're willing to do weird and wacky things here," Mardi admits, "it sets us apart from other comic shops in

Mardi plans to add to the existing 400-plus movie rental area soon with a section of Sundance movies and more anime. George Lucas fans will be drawn to Anarchy for the upcoming addition of THX-1138—Lucas' first movie—as well as Spiderman II and Hellboy Director's

With new events being planned, movie rentals, pre-order discounts, concerts and room to game, there's something for everyone.

## the store's downtown location. Nebraska

Wayne Mardi, owner of Anarchy Comics, peeks over a stack of DVD's at

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## Future for May Radio looking bright is go to www.mayradio.org, click on the

STAFF WRITER

Maverick Radio is an enigma for some UNO students. Why does Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs have a 100,000-watt radio station that's heard all across the Omaha metro area? Shouldn't Maverick Radio be a little more like the 89.7 The River?

There are actually two campus radio stations at UNO. KVNO offers 24 hours of classical music programming, while KBUL provides student programming. Due to FCC regulations, each educational institution is only allotted one broadcast

When it came time for Maverick Radio to get on the airwayes, there was no more available bandwidth on

the FM range for a station. The situation KBUL and its staff are in is not that different than a child/parent relationship. Like parents, KVNO is the established station on campus that a large portion of the city enjoys. Then there's Maverick Radio, the young up-and-coming voice that just wants to be heard.

Many different ideas have been kicked around, from students getting late-night broadcast time on KVNO to putting up its own towers. The first idea didn't go very far and at the time, putting up a tower could only be looked upon as a long-term project.

It was decided that the best and fastest way to get May Radio to the masses was via an Internet Web cast. The idea has been a success. Now all you have to dolive radio link and you're good to go.

With the Web cast project going well, the staff at KBUL is hard at work on the next stage of the station's growth: a tower. All these changes made Mav Radio employee and UNO student Chris Smith excited about being part of the station.

"Pretty soon we're going to be FM radio, but only on-campus because we can't go past Dodge Street," Smith says. Still, even a short-range broadcast will allow the station to reach the dorms.

Another advance that has been made is a new computer system similar to the ones used by large stations, "We should have it up and running soon," Smith says.



Macerick Radio DI Jeff Somers entertains students Wednesday afternoon.

## CD reviews

AMANDA GOREY
STALF WRITER

People
The Golden Republic

Kansas City's The Golden Republic (formerly The People) has released a four-song EP entitled *People* last week as its first stint with its flashy new record label, Astralwerks.

Scoring this deal is a major success for some small town boys.



The EP is clearly accessible to a variety of listeners, but that doesn't mean it's good. The lead track, "You Almost Had It," is reasonable enough. It starts off strong, but seems to lose me somewhere along the way. It's fairly straightforward, pretty darn predictable-it could get stuck in your head, but not necessarily in a good way.

The second track is the best this short record has to offer; "Great Communication" is a standout track, with a wickedly infectious disco beat and twirling guitars. The third, "Make

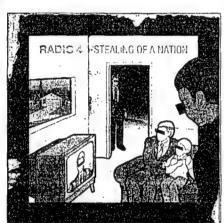
It," was just sort of there. I was oblivious the first time I heard it, and mildly irritated with the whiney, falsetto "yah yah yahs" on subsequent listens.

Much like the portion of Sesame Street where we play "one of these things is not like the others, three of these things are kinda the same," the closing track is an acoustical exposition which seems out of place with the first three. To be honest, none of the tracks sound the same, but this one appears to be a different band all together.

If your consider yourself to be a fan of Nada Surf, and are looking for something in the same jangle-pop meets garage rock vein, the Golden Republic could be exactly what you're seeking. Unfortunately, if you're a purist and overly defensive, you might find its blatant similarities to be a little bit insulting.

Stealing of a Nation Radio4

Best described as the Clash meets



Gang of Four, with elements of New Order and Primal Scream, Brooklyn's Radio 4 brings a danceable disco-punk vision of energetic beats and a subtle political agenda to the table with their latest full-length, *Stealing of a Nation*.

Radio 4's last full-length release, Gotham!, was a darker album with a more indie/underground vibe to it. Stealing of a Nation was done with a new production team headed by Max Hayes, and brings about a much more mainstream and accessible feeling than held by Gotham!. In conjunction with this, Stealing comes across with heavier-handed production values, which seem to take away from a previous organic sound.

However, as witnessed recently in a performance at Sokol Underground, Radio 4 can still rattle a live audience to the core.

Intensely energetic with synthetic lines, catchy beats and outstanding percussion work, *Stealing* is every bit a party album. While there is nothing completely new and innovative happening, this album is fantastic. It's got a get-off-your-butt-and-dance groove all over it, noted immediately with the leading track and first single, "Party Crashers" and following it up with 11 more, complete with the ever-requested "More cowbell."

God Bless Your Black Heart The Paper Chase (Kill Rock Stars)

The problem with describing the angular Texas noise rockers known as The Paper Chase, is deciding where to even begin. In a word, they are phenomenal. This is band that never seems to get the

attention they deserve, but can create some of the quickest converts of any listener I have ever seen.

With God Bless Your Black Heart, John Congelton and crew are unleashing their discordant noise rock onto a larger audience with their movement to a larger label, Kill Rock Stars. Continuing in their previous tradition of distortion, noise, riffs and frenetic delivery, The Paper Chase unleashes pure, aggressive rhythm in a fashion rarely seen outside of Shellac.

With a combination of pounding rhythm, sound bites, horns, pianos and



strings, the Paper Chase is unabashedly loud. What makes them so phenomenal is the way these characteristics provide depth and accent to the extremely emotive lyrics and urgent vocal stylings of Congelton, a man who can break—without a twinge of self-pity—from reality. If you ever wanted to know what insanity sounds like, put this record on. There's a mental breakdown happening, and you're invited.





## Cumbee's movie commentary Keeping you in-the-know on all things film



#### October: the scariest month, part I

Andrew Cumbee STAFF WRITER

October is one of my favorite months- it's like, number two on the "coolest months" list. We get that awesome change in weather, the amount of schoolwork seems to go down a little and everyone has candy. For film geeks, October is great because we have an excuse to watch lots and lots of horror movies.

This month I'm going to attempt something that I've never tried before in my lush newspaper history: a twoparter. Obviously, horror will be the theme to fit in with the month. This week, I'll be talking about what's going on in the horror industry and what to look forward to in the coming months. In two weeks, come back to find out about some of the rumors circling now that deal with the big horror franchises.

The horror film genre has been suffering recently. Much like film in general, the 1980s all but killed

everything good in movies. People stopped going to the movies for the artistic value, and instead were interested in being merely entertained. Films were dumbed-down so that people could enjoy them without thinking-read: working-to watch a movie. Filmmakers also found that if they made sequels, they'd get money faster with less work. This whole process created the Friday the 13th, Nightmare on Elm Street and Halloween film series and spawned the "slasher" sub-genre. Granted, some of these films are great, but for the most part they are not.

In the early 1990s, the sequels weren't making money any more. This led directly to Scream, a film that basically made fun of horror films and their clichés. Scary Movie pushed this idea even further, making horror films even more sparse and basically putting an end to slashers.

M. Night Shyamalan brought the horror film back to its roots when he wrote and directed The Sixth Sense, though. He made a smart film in the style of Hitchcock that made a ton of money, re-popularizing and redefining the genre.

Today, horror is back. In the last few years, we've had a wide variety of horror flicks in every sub-genre. There have been psychological thrillers to scifi horror to monster movies, and we've even had a few new slashers thrown in there. The horror industry seems to be thriving and film companies know that they are guaranteed to make a profit off of them.

This year there's a handful of new horror films that have been released or are coming soon. We've already had a new Exorcist movie, Alien vs. Predator and Garfield. You can look forward to five more this month.

On Oct. 15, Robin Williams's new thriller comes out. It's called The Final *Cut* and is set in a future where people can get an implant to record their lives. Williams is a "cutter;" some dude that edits people's memories after they die. Somehow he gets involved in something that endangers his life. I really haven't heard whether this is good or not, but it's from Lion's Gate Films, a company that has basically specialized in thrillers lately. Should be pretty good.

We also get Riding the Bullet on the 15th. Actually, Omaha doesn't get it, but it comes out in New York and Los Angeles. This is based on that e-book thing that Stephen King put out a couple years ago. Remember? You had to pay for it and you could only read it on the computer or Palm Pilot? Yeah... so no one read this. It is by King, but the movie stars David Arquette. I'll be surprised if it is worth the money.

On the 22nd, The Grudge and The Machinist come out. Grudge is a remake of a Japanese horror movie. It's actually directed by the guy that directed the original. This might be pretty cool. Machinist stars Christian Bale and it's about a dude that didn't sleep for a year. Expect weirdness to

Finally, just in time for Halloween on the 29th, Saw is released. This is a serial killer movie staring Danny Glover and Cary Elwes. Advance reviews have been mixed. Some people call it a masterpiece and some flat out hate it. We'll find out closer to its release whether it is good or not.

On top of all this, next month we get The Seed of Chucky and in December, The Phantom of the Opera (the musical one -- so not really a horror movie, but kind of). Next year will be huge for horror, too. Expect tons of sequels, tons of remakes and tons of new movies.

Remember to come back in two weeks when I'll talk about those sequels and remakes and stuff. Until then...

## Ladder 49 provides old-fashioned fire-fighting melodrama on screen

Cast: Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta, Jacinda

Industry rating: Rated R for some language.

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Barrett, Morris Chestnut, Robert Patricks

REVIEW BY ROGER MOORE THE ORLANDO SENTINEL (KRT)

Ladder 49 is a solid, old-fashioned fire-fighting melodrama. It's a string of sentimental snapshots of a firefighter's life told in flashback as he and his crew fight for his life in a towering inferno where he has been trapped.

Every cliche in every movie or TV show about firemen is recycled here, but often to pleasant effect. A comfortable leading-man turn by Joaquin Phoenix, a professional supporting performance by John Travolta and a knowing way with the fires themselves don't make for cutting-edge drama. But it makes a nice counter-balance to the edgier, more corrosive R-rated fireman's soap opera-"Rescue Me" now showing on FX.

Phoenix's character, Jack Morrison, takes a tumble in a grain elevator fire in Baltimore. And as firemen led by his chief, Travolta, struggle to find him and

LADDER 49

Director: Jay Russell

cut him free, he and they recall his career as a fireman.

The rookie hazing (led by veteran Robert Patrick), the smooth "I'm a firefighter" pick-up

Ms. Right (Jacinda Barrett) in the local supermarket, the growing family, the changing nature of the job and Jack's brushes with terror and death are recounted in flashbacks. The blaze that boisterous family. Brave men are hurt,

has Jack trapped is impressive enough, but the flashbacks take away any sense of urgency about his fate. And the smoothed-over frictions in the family

> and the firehouse suck most of the drama out of this.

Director Jay Russell is the son of a firefighter and a specialist in sentiment (My Dog Skip and Tuck Everlasting

were his). He has a reverence for the subject that pretty much precludes the film showing us anything new, from the corner hang out Irish bar to the growing,

brave men die, and then we go to their

The technical stuff, the procedures that are followed, the pecking order on the trucks and at the fires, seem spot on. But there is little here to tell us why any of these guys do what they do, "go into burning buildings when everybody else is running out." Phoenix has a scene or two suggesting that he gets a rush from "helping people," but nothing more.

Ladder 49 is, as its Disney lineage suggests, a fire-fighting movie that's family-friendly. Treated as a movie you can take your kids to, its sense of routine heroism, the reassuring continuity of people who show up for work and save us when we need saving, is its greatest

## Nick Lachey enjoys being `Charmed' by television acting role

KATE O'HARE ZAPZILOM (KKI)

After two seasons as star-with wife Jessica Simpson— of the MTV reality show "Newlyweds," singer Nick Lachey of the band 98 Degrees is trying his hand at acting. Although he's now spent a lot of time in front of cameras as himself, it didn't turn out to be much help when it came to playing a role on The WB's Sunday-night hit "Charmed."

"Everything from hitting marks and finding your light to the process of rehearsal." Lachey says, "just that is probably what I've learned the most. I'm used to being on stage, where everything is bigger. The lesson to learn is that subtlety is pretty important on television. It's all these things, trying to pick up on them. learn from them and apply them to what you're doing."

On this particular day at Paramount Studios, Lachey is at work on the fifth of his six episodes on "Charmed" (he began in the Sept.

12 season premiere and continues through Oct. 17). He plays Leslie St. Claire, who's been hired to take over for newspaper advice columnist (and good witch) Phoebe Halliwell (Alyssa Milano) when she decides she needs a break.

"I was told it was a 'Moonlighting' type of relationship," Lachey says. "That's one of my favorite shows, so that appealed to me. I didn't want to play a demon. I just wanted to be a regular schmo without supernatural powers. I liked what they came up with."

In the current scene, Leslie arrives at the Halliwell house to meet Phoebe, only to have her slam the door in his face, since she and her witch sisters Piper and Paige (Holly Marie Combs, Rose McCowan) are having another of their innumerable magical crises. Although he has no lines, Lachey's wordlessly befuddled reaction gets funnier over several takes.

He attributes a lot of his new acting skills to working with Milano, a TV veteran who first found stardom during a long stint in the 1980s sitcom "Who's the Boss," starting at age 10.

"It's good for me," Lachey says, "especially working with Alyssa, who's such a pro, she does it in her sleep. For guys of my generation, she was it. She was the poster girl. It's a little weird (working with her).

"That's what I told her, 'I want to be up front about this, I used to have your picture in my locker. I had a big crush on you. You're going to hear about it later, so let me tell you

"It is weird, but we've been pretty cool with it from the beginning."

Right at the beginning in the season premiere, Lachey and Milano wound up in a liplock.

You always hear about that being the most awkward thing," Lachey says, "But you know what, there are certain people you're just cool with, and she and I are cool, at least from my perspective. We get along really well; it's comfortable.

"It never really was awkward. We got right into it in the first episode. They cut right to the

chase. The only weird thing is I'm married, and there's another woman I'm kissing at work, but at times that's what the business calls for. It's a sacrifice we have to make."

At press time, Lachey is still contracted for only six episodes, but he wouldn't mind if that

"It'd be flattering for sure," he says. "Obviously, coming into it, I didn't know if I was going to do a good job or a bad job. If they decide they want to keep me, I'd certainly take that as a compliment. "I'm having a great time, so on that level. I think it'd be fun to do more."

As for "Newlyweds," in which cameras follow Lachey and Simpson through their daily lives, Lachey says, "We're doing one last season. That's the word on the street. I'm cool with it.

"If it were to end, I can't say I'd cry about it. It's definitely been a challenge at times to do it, because it's such an intrusion into your life, but it would also be fun to do one last one."

## Maverick Volleyball team upsets Augustana, Minnesota State during weekend play

ANGIE PECK SPORISHORDS

After defeating No. 17 Augustana in a dogfight Friday 3-2, the Maverick volleyball team defeated Minnesota State 3-0 on Saturday at the Sapp Fieldhouse.

On both Friday and Saturday night, UNO was lead by Amy McLeay. McLeay blasted a career-high 25 kills and added 13 digs on Friday. On Saturday night, she gained 15 kills



Briana Ritter spikes the ball over Augustana's Nichole Steffl.

and 11 digs, picking up her team-leading ninth and 10th double-double of the season.

Freshman middle blocker Carlie Christensen also recorded a career-high in kills with 18 while hitting .500 during Friday night's competition.

The Mavericks rallied in the fifth game, trailing by scores of 8-2, 10-4 and 13-10, before reeling off five straight points to pull out the upset. A kill by Christensen, a solo block by McLeay, two Viking attack errors and Christensen and Ashley Freeman blocking the Vikings' Kara Johnson on match point block, accounted for the final five points of the match for the Mavericks. The Mavericks are now 5-0 in five game-matches.

Junior Chelsea Miller led the Mavericks defensively with 26 digs. Senior Julia McConahay added 15 digs to join McLeay and Miller as the three Mavericks with doublefigure dig totals.

The Mavericks outhit Augustana 224 to .145 and held a 77 to 58 advantage in kills. Both teams tallied five service aces and the Vikings held a slight advantage in digs at 79 to 74.

On Saturday, senior outside hitter Jenny Rankin picked up her 1,000th career kill. Rankin tallied eight kills and six digs in the match, becoming the 15th player in school history to join the 1,000 kills club. She now has 1.005 in her four-year Mayerick career.

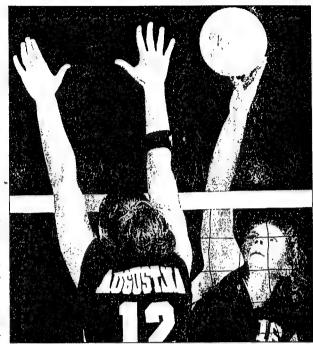
Junior setter Christie Johnson notched a match-high 43 assists and four service aces.

Carlie Christensen also added four service aces along with six kills and three blocks. Miller led the Maverick defense with 15

The UNO Mavericks outhit Minnesota State .201 to .134 and held a 50 to 37 advantage in kills. UNO also dominated at the service line with 10 aces, compared to just three for MSU.

Sophomore outside hitter Cassie Wolpern, who recorded 17 kills and 12 digs, led Minnesota State. Senior setter Melanie Judes handed out 32 assists in the match.

The Mavericks will entertain the nation's No. 1-ranked team, Nebraska-Kearney tonight at 7 p.m. at the field house.



Amy McLeay taps the ball over Augustana's Abby

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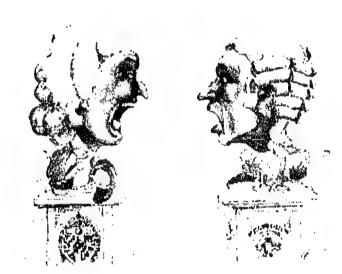
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## UNO football picks up first road victory of the season

ANGIE PECK SIORISTOROR

The UNO Maverick football team picked up its first road victory of the season in a closer than expected 49-33 victory over Tiffin University at Frost-Kalnow Stadium in Titfin, Ohio on Saturday night.

In his second start, junior tailback Jamar Day set a school record, rushing for five touchdowns. Day's five scores tied Charlie McWhorter's total, set in 1972. McWhorter ran for four touchdowns and added another on a pass reception. At the end of the game, Day amassed 284 total rushing yards, including two scoring runs of 85 and 65 yards, the second-best, onegame total in school history.

Quarterback Brian Masek picked up the other two touchdowns for the Mavericks, scoring on rushes of 14 and 67 yards. It was the second time in two games that Masek did not throw for a

The Mavericks were only five yards short of tying the school record for rushing yards in a game, picking up 504 yards on the ground with 552 yards of total offense.

Tiffin took two first quarter leads behind the passing attack of Tiffin quarterback Ryan Harpold and wide receiver Nate Washington, Harpold passed 46 yards to Washington for the first touchdown, but the Mavs answered with a 64-yard drive, capped by Day's first score from four yards out.

Harpold then connected with Garrion Corbin on a nine-yard scoring pass and a 14-7 lead after the PAT kick by Ben Sandrock

Masek tied the game with the first of his two TDs on a 14-yard run after a 65yard drive. A little over four minutes later, Day broke loose for an 80-yard run. Late in the half, Masek added a 67-yard scoring run. Tiffin tacked on a 36-yard field goal on the last play of the half by Sandrock to cut UNO's halftime lead to 28-17.

UNO put the game away on the first play of the second half when Day dashed 65-yards, giving UNO the comfortable 35-17 lead. Day capped drives of 80 and 70 yards with one-yard plunges into the end zone in the third and fourth quarters.

The Dragons stayed close with fourth quarter touchdowns by Austin Clopton on a one-yard run and Washington on a 15-yard pass from Harpold with 3:51 left.

The Maverick offense was a study in efficiency. UNO had the ball for just 50 plays and 20:46, but they earned 504 rushing yards and 48 passing as Masek completed five of his seven passes.

Tiffin had 158 yards rushing, 324 through the air for 482 yards in total offense and 27 first downs, controlling the ball for 92 plays and 39:14. Harpold completed 23 of 43 passes for 286 yards.

Defensively for the Mavericks, Kenny Onatolu led UNO with eight tackles, while Randy Stella and Jeremiah Scott each added six. Tiffin quarterbacks Harpold and Patrick Manders were sacked three times, once each by Taiwo Onatolu, Travis Moten and Antwain Woods.

On Oct. 9, the Mavericks host Minnesota-Duluth for the Homecoming game at 1 p.m. at Al Caniglia Field.

#### Cross country team finishes second

THOMAS LAMAY STAFF WRITER

The Maverick women's cross country team was led by the top 10 performances of senior Molly Miller and junior Kellie Ryan. They helped their team to a second place finish at the NCAA Division II North Central Pre-Regional held at the Don Baker Cross Country Course, in Vermillion, S.D. on

In the women's 6000-meter race, Miller led the team with a fourth place finish with a time of 23 minutes, 3 seconds. Ryan took sixth place in 23 minutes, 14 seconds. Tinissia Leguiwello, Tahnee Tuenge, Des Campbell, Sarah Zeisler and Angela Kampschneider also scored points for the

North Dakota won the women's team title by 15 points over the Mavericks. The close margin of victory is something the team would hope to narrow at the NCC Championships on Oct. 16.

The Pre-Regional Meet was a preview to the North Central Regional Meet to be held at the same course on Nov. 6. At regionals, the Mavericks hope to qualify for a team entry to NCAA II Nationals in Evansville, Ind. To advance to the national meet, the Mavericks need to place in the top five at the North Central Regional Meet.

The North Central Region has been known as a "Super Region." In 2003, the top five teams at the regional meet all placed in the top 15 at Nationals, including the National Champion, Adams State.

The last time UNO placed in the top five at the regional meet was in 2002. That team then went on to place 13th out of the 26 teams invited to nationals. Miller, Ryan, Zeisler and Allison Gorman are the only members left from the 2002

A good indicator for UNO's placement at the regional meet will be at the NCC Championships. North Dakota, Augustana, South Dakota and Minnesota-Duluth will all challenge the Mavericks for the top positions at both meets.

The next race for the Mavericks is the NCC Championship on Oct. 16th at the North Links Golf Course in Mankato, Minn.

## Soccer team defeats St. Cloud St. 4-1 during weekend play

ANGIE PECK SICKISTORICK

UNO Maverick soccer opened North Central Conference play on Saturday beating St. Cloud State 4-1 in St. Cloud, Minn.

The Mavericks came into St. Cloud carrying a 6-0 record against the Huskics. In the six-game series against St. Cloud, the Mavericks have outscored the Huskies 27-4, including a 6-1 stomping last year. UNO will play for the first time at St. Cloud State's new Husky Field located on St Cloud's

Maverick goalie Amy Price was named NCC Defensive Player of the Week after assisting in the Maverick's two shutout victories last week. In the three games, Price made six saves and only allowed one goal as the Mays outscored their opponents 9-1.

In Saturday's match, Freshman Brandie Beale scored the first goal of the game at the 11:38 mark on a pass from Meghan Pile. Less than minutes later, Beth McGill tallied her 11th goal of the season, assisted by Anne

The Mays lengthened their lead to three when freshman Ali Portell scored at the 38:11 mark on an assist from Haley Fries. St. Cloud State sliced UNO's lead to two when St. Cloud's Anne Litecky netted a goal just before the half. UNO added another goal at the 53:16 clip when Beale sent a ball to Amber Richardson, who scored the goal.

The UNO offense and defense proved to be more than the Huskies were able to handle.St. Cloud was held to two shots, while the Mavericks tallied 30 shots, including 12 shots on goal. In the past two games, the UNO defense has held opponents to two shots and only one shot on goal.

Both Price and Ellen Peterson split time between the pipes for UNO.

UNO improved to 9-2-1 record and has not lost since Sept. 11, when current No. 2-ranked Truman State defeated the Mavs 1-0. The Mavericks moved a couple spots in the NSCAA/Adidas national poll from No. 16 to No. 14, following last week's 2-0-1

The Mavericks return home Wednesday to take on Northwest Missouri State at Ak-Sar-Ben Field at 4 p.m.

## Hockey gets the season started with annual exhibition game, improvement is key during new season

ANGIE PECK SPORTS LIDITOR

The UNO Mayerick hockey team, a member of the CCFIA, held its annual exhibition game against Manitoba Monday evening, UNO students for the first time ever were able to get into the hockey game for free with a valid student ID.

need as much support from the student. Coach. Mike Kemp, said, "Our, team body as the Owest Center is almost double the size of the Civic and student turnout last year was nowhere near what was expected.

Returning a young team to the ice-21 of 28 players are freshmen or sophomores— will affect how the Mavericks fare this season, UNO will open the season's play with the Mutual of Omaha (formerly know as the Maverick) Stampede, the team's annual four-team tournament. This year, the Mavericks have a good chance of winning the tournament, for the first time ever, competing against Connecticut, Merrimack and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Dates that both Maverick players

and fans have circled on their calendars are Jan. 28 and 29, when the Mays play against Wavne State. This competition will return the Mavericks to their former home: the Omaha Civic Auditorium (also known as "The Bullpen"). Before moving to the Qwest Center, the Mavericks had 131 consecutive sellouts

"This will be a great experience This year, the hockey team will for both our players and fans," Head will get a chance to see where the roots of Maverick hockey began and it will give the fans a chance to relive the past in the friendly confines of the 'Bullpen.'"

> The tickets for the Wayne State series that were included in the season ticket booklets are not valid. The UNO ticket office will place season ticket holders in seats that are comparable to their seats at the Qwest Center and will mail the tickets for that series separately.

> The Maverick's main goal for this season should be improvement from last year's 8-26- 5 overall record, and their CCHA 5-19- 4. Chris Holt and Kris Tebbs both shared a valuable

year's worth of experience in the net and should be more accustomed to the college style of hockey. Though Kemp might be better off picking one goalie and sticking with him throughout the season, goalie by committee could work with these two goalies. Scott Parse, returning for his sophomore season, should improve on last year's 16 goals and 19 assists for 35 points.

"Up front, we'll be returning Scott Parse, who was a freshman last year from Portage, Mich., and was our leading scorer as a freshman," said Kemp. "We brought him in the day before school started, but he stepped in and had a tremendous year, broke David Brisson's record for points by a freshman in our program and really got his college career off to a tremendous start."

Improvement is key for the Mavericks this year. If the Mavericks improve on last year's record, and consistently show that they are better than the polls and CCHA coaches think, the young team will gain the experience needed to become a great team in the next couple seasons.



Sigma Kappa's Katherine Anderson, ball carrier, attempts to evade Chi Omega's Melaine Schreiber during a flag football game Thursday night.

#### For the record...

The UNO Maverick Hockey story that ran in the Oct. 1 edition of The Gateway had several glaring mistakes. I, as well as every UNO hockey fan, know that UNO does not play in the NCC for hockey but in the CCHA, though my article did state six times that UNO was in the NCC. Also in UNO's first season in the CCHA, UNO was dereated 6-0 by Michigan State, not Michigan—UNO beat Michigan 7-4 the night before.

Being both a journalist and a college hockey fan, these mistakes are inexcusable and I take full responsibility for the ones printed in the Oct. 1 paper. Mistakes are made so that we can learn from them; in this case, I will definitely edit my stories and the stories of my writers more carefully. I wholeheartedly apologize to The Gateway, the UNO Maverick Hockey team, its coaches and the hockey fans for the errors found within the story.

Angie Peck Sports editor UNO Gateway ¥

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## Existence is a snowflake, it differs from person to person

Some of you might have noticed that I haven'twrittenaninstallmentof Manic Dignssion in awhile. Despite that I am busy, and also, that Lam an apathetic SOB, my absence hasn't been because of either of these factors.

I've just had a tough time with inspiration these days. Manic Digression has always been a column that tries to dig a little deeper under the surface; an examination of aspects or emotions in life that we all share, but don't usually put under the metaphorical microscope. But how many aspects—really—are there to dissect?

I'm sure most of you have gotten your fill when it comes to me complaining about love and relationships. And there are only so many different ways I can say "seize the day." Fatherhood? Been there. Victim of a crime?

I've even penned mildly entertaining columns on Jell-O shots and digital piracy. But churning out column after column, week after week-for nearly four years now-causes the creative well to dry up a bit.

And so, on this brisk night in October, halfawake and cradled in a Codeine daze, smoking cigarette after filthy cigarette to keep a fleeting edge, I think I'll try to tackle the biggest tenet in this thing we call life that there is: the age-old, "What's the meaning of life" question.

Yeah, I can hear your teeth grinding all the way from here in my chair, a week in the past.

"Whatdoes a 25-year-old know about life?" you're thinking. Well, I guess I know 25 years' worth. I'm not really sure yet as to how much that equals on the whole "wisdom" scale, but I'm feeling pretentious enough right now to say it's enough. It's enough to start, at least.

And the answer to that question—the one that we try to get by not thinking about on a daily basis, but it's always there in the subconscious, is that there is no answer.

An easy cop-out? Maybe. But for all the things that we as people share—love, despair, joy

and passion—there are so many differences between us. We're all alike in the sense that we all are so very different.

When I was younger, I used to spend hours wondering just how similar other people's thoughts were to my own. I'm not necessarily talking about typical, mundane, day-to-day thoughts like paying bills and what shoes to wear with what outfit. I'm talking about that level of thinking that we engage when we're driving down the highway late at night or drifting off to sleep under thick layers of dryer sheet-scented linen.

It's the things you ponder when you're watching your kids play in the sprinkler and grin to yourself, as if wondering how you were ever that young. It's turning the light on in your bedroom, only to remember that you'll

Manic Digression tonight. It's walking to your car after an exciting business meeting, imagining your life taking a turn for the better. It's watching your father die and realizing that the day you've

> has finally come to pass. It's sitting up late, in front of a bright computer screen, listening to Trent Reznor wail on about the weight of the

always dreaded but could

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world, and wondering why that life you should be living isn't quite happening as quickly as you'd like it to.

Doesn't make much sense? Confused yet? You ought to be. And therein lies my point. I've babbled on for three paragraphs about what I perceive as examples of existentialism. Some I've experienced and some I haven't, I see the world—and everybody in it—through a window that no one else quite does. We're all unique in that way. No one can ever say that they truly know how you feel.

Sure, there are basic principles and aspects of life that we all share. All the world's philosophical writing proves that. In an extremely general sense, everything that *am* be said about life has already been said. There really are no new ideas when it comes to examining one's existence.

However, our existence—or more precisely,

opportunity finally arrived.

Someone I knew was going

our minds—are as individual as a snowflake out of billions. There never was—and never will be—another just like it. No one's brain is going to initiate the exact same series of impulses and activity as mine when Histen to a certain song. Or kiss a certain girl. Or even take a certain midterm exam. While I'm cruising down Interstate 680 at

2 a.m., contemplating why I'm here and what it means to be alive, it's not going to be the exact same context or perspective that someone else wonders. Similar, yes; but exact, no.

And that's why there's no real answer to that question. There is no truth because everyone's truth is so different and unique to themself. We each live our own lives and our own miniature universes inside our heads. We try to find solace in familiarity, but ultimately, we're kidding ourselves.

We can't compare one another to each other. Each brain is fundamentally, at its core, too singular. Why else would we constantly wonder why others can't just understand things the way we do?

To really understand yourself—your place in the world-you've got to come to terms with the truth that you'll live your life having all these fantastic insights and epiphanies, none of which ultimately hold significance beyond your own

We all have our moments of clarity. The trick is realizing that they don't mean anything to anyone, except to you.

## The big plunge: Moving out for good wasn't so great after all

The following is part three of a column series duronicling one high school graduate's experience posthigh school. It is a look at some typical issues other high school graduates can expect to face as their life away from their home and their parents begins.

So the day finally arrived. The time came when I no longer deemed it necessary to live with my parents anymore.

The time I spent at home wasn't so terrible. I pretty much came and went as I pleased. If I hadn't worked in my dad's business, it's quite possible I wouldn't have seen my parents for weeks at a time

However, the normalcy of living with my mom and dad had grown ever-so boring.

So I began to explore my options.

I encountered problems from the get-go. Most of my worthless friends were still living at home. They sounded like a bunch of crying 2year-olds when they gave me their sorry excuses for living at home.

This caused me great stress. What was so much better at their house that made them want to stay at home? (I didn't think any 21-year-old still got a weekly allowance, but \$20 was enough to keep Chris at home.)

The friends I had that didn't live at home had lived in their current abodes for only six months. Thus, they had at least six months to go before they could even think about moving out.

Difficult decisions began to fall on me from all directions. I looked into a one-bedroom apartment but at the time, I didn't want to live by myself. (I realized later that I would have rather lived alone. The perks are many, the drawbacks fewer; but I'll get into that

I decided a one-bedroom was way too costly for me, considering I scraped to get

by week to week. Cable, utilities and all that other garbage are ludicrously expensive when they only get split one way. I had to find a

My hours of deep meditation and pondering began. Much to my dismay, no amount of badgering could convince my closest buddy that moving out was a good idea.

Why should I move out?" he said. "I can do whatever I want here. He had a point. His dad worked nights and his mom slept like a rock. We could get away with whatever we wanted at his house.

After my 100 percent failure rate of trying to convince someone to live with me, an



**Andrew Crnic** 

to buy a house. It seemed like a great idea from the beginning. The rent was cheaper than any place I found in the paper. The landlord was my cousin and for some reason, he seemed like a better landlord than someone I didn't know

Everything seemed like it would work out fine; until I saw the house. I made the mistake of committing to moving in and doing some work there before I

saw it and I didn't want to back out. But let me clarify. The house was a nice, little (half the size of the house I grew up in), located in North Omaha. I always said I would never live east and north of 72<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge Streets, but I ended up eight blocks north of Maple and five blocks east of 72<sup>nd</sup>, so much for my requirements.

I also came to find out that the walls in the house were very thin, and the floors seemed to be even thinner. The more often I woke up at 5:30 a.m. due to the talking of others, (if I was lucky it was only talking), the more irritated I became with that crackerjack box I lived in.

Just weeks after I moved in, I was already talking about moving out. That talk made my

cousin question me. "It's not that bad, is it?" he said. "No," I said. "It's just bad enough."

Maybe it was just me, but aside from the small house and the thin floors, an attentionneglected, whining Doberman also produced my contempt.

After about six months, I learned that another of my friends would be buying a house. The new place was closer to work (at the time), school and midtown than my previous

Talso thought I could more easily get away from unwanted noise in the new house, as it was considerably larger.

But I hadn't moved in yet. It seemed like it would be better, but would it? There was no way to know. Perhaps it would be the worst place I've lived yet, but I had to stop thinking that way. I hadn't moved in yet and I was already talking about moving out.

I probably had my epiphany by then. I realized the best roommate for me was probably no roommate at all. Then I wouldn't have to hear any noise I didn't make myself. That year I spent in the dorms seemed to be the best situation yet.

But I went ahead and moved in anyway, with yet another whining, attention-neglected dog.

## Does sprawl really kill? Study indicates yes, but opinions differ

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Sprawl kills. That's the bumper sticker that could go with a new report on suburban-style housing development and its impact on public health. Living in the suburbs cuts four years off your life, according to a new RAND Institute study published in the academic journal Public Health.

Unfortunately, the substance of the study, and others before it, doesn't live up to the hype.

Sprawl critics make a leap that goes like this:

People live in houses with garages. Because these houses sit on small open-air parks (yards), people are less indined to walk to a transit stop and take a bus to work. So, they dimb in their cars and drive. Because they drive, they don't exercise. Since they don't exercise, they have more health problems, get sick, and die sooner. Simply stated, it's your house's fault.

Needless to say, this analysis has numerous problems. The RAND researchers examined 11 health problems, including cancer, diabetes, hypertension, stroke, asthma and heart disease.

These are serious illnesses afflicting millions of Americanseach year. But, studies didn't find these were related to sprawl.

The health problems dubiously associated with sprawl (statistically) were arthritis, trouble breathing (chronic lung disease), abdominal and digestive problems, headaches and urinarytrack problems. Even the authors don't quite understand why some of these illnesses (e.g., bladder problems) are related to sprawl, but a statistical relationship was there. Using my life as a case study, I would guess that arthritis comes

## The Presidential (and Vice Presidential) debates: Place your bets

Welcome, welcome, to all readers (whether they're mine or not) to the UNO Political Sports Book, where I am the selfappointed director. Actually, this isn't a gambling establishment, but it's just fun to place odds. Well, as many of you have already seen, we've started the debate circuit with a little visit to the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., where after watching the first debate myself, have declared the debates a draw. (Oh, and for my leftie critics, this is based on my analysis. I left my conservatism at home.) So, for now, let's travel to the remaining debate sites and post the opening odds.

NOTE: These odds are not for betting purposes, for commentary only. Try the casinos across the river, they may offer better

**DEBATE #2:** Vice-Presidential

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

ODDS: Dick Cheney: 5/2, John Edwards: 20/1

Welcome to Ohio, where Cleveland will rock tonight. Just from the looks of it, I think Cheney, having more experience than Sen. Edwards, will have a distinct advantage over the senator. However, to be fair, I haven't made Edwards that long of a long shot and here's why. New movies, games and music are usually released on Tuesdays, one of which this debate falls on. It also happens, that on this specific Tuesday, Michael Moore will release his latest sham, I mean movie, Fahrenheit 9/11. It, like many of the Democratic points, believes that Vice President Cheney and his Halliburton buddies engineered the war in Iraq, and since that could be a fair topic for tonight's

game, there could be a slant. (I would've put Edwards at 50/1.) And they think we stole an election, now Moore's going to try to steal the debate(s). Hold on to your hats, people, we're moving on.

**DEBATE #3:** Town Hall Q & A Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. **ODDS:** Bush: 3/1 Kerry: 5/1

Welcome to Missouri, where anything can happen, especially in a Town Hall Forum. This is the reason why I place such close odds, and also because of something that mostly the Democrats, but both sides could have, and they're called "Infiltrators." A great example for this is on the front



Matthew Lytle

page of the Sept. 2 edition of the New York Times. The picture is of a protestor who actually made her way onto the floor of the Republican National Convention to state her claim. Methinks the Democrats will try this tactic again, sending a few liberals in under the guise of "Undecided Voters," to make Bush look like a fool. I will admit, there will be conservatives who will try to do the same thing, but

they're not that likely. I also think that Kerry won't be able to answer simple "yes or no" questions. Liberals, especially the most liberal senator in the Senate, hate those kinds of questions. We got one more, so stop watching Martha Stewart going to jail; we've got more to see.

> **DEBATE #4:** Domestic Issues University of Arizona, Tempe, Ariz. **ODDS:** Bush: 3/1 Kerry: 5/1

Well, we're in Arizona, where it's hotter than blazes, and we've finally hit the last (scheduled) debate. And, at least to my surprise, there's nothing that could possibly influence this debate. That would make my

job easier, but this was one of the toughest debates to place odds for. I decided to keep the low odds I placed for the Town Hall debate we just left, since domestic issues haven't been too much at the forefront. Bush has plans to institute Health Care and Social Security savings accounts (Own Your Own Health Care and Social Security [2 different accounts]), while Kerry hasn't said anything regarding a plan. I think he's a little too busy taking different sides to the same issue, either that or looking like a jack-o-lantern.

And with that, we close the sports book. I have to stress again that these odds are not legal betting odds, but are for entertainment purposes only. Do I think these debates will change minds? Only for the few who haven't made up their minds. And though both sides, in small ways, will try to sway the debates, something tells me that this could be a remake of the Kennedy/Nixon debates. This time, Bush is Kennedy, and John "Pumpkin Face" Kerry is Nixon. (For those of you who have no idea, this was the first televised debate, and Nixon looked horrible. Kennedy won many votes because he looked better.) Either that or the bullets Kerry will sweat will be orange. Oh well. This is Matthew Lytle, signing off.

## All of life's questions have been answered in the movies

Imagine a town invaded by aliens secretly turning the inhabitants, one by one, into emotionless "pod" people. Each new victim subsequently works to assimilate others-no matter how unwilling (just like the resolute Borg in Star Trek, the zombies in Dawn of the Dead and the right-wing extremists who are finding great encouragement in George Bush's

The movie summarized above is Invasion of the Body Snatchers. The scariest aspect of this film is the idea that people we know people all around us — can look normal. on the outside, but are, in fact, being replaced by cold-blooded, automatons hell-bent upon stripping us of our unique convictions. Only a handful of enlightened non-conformists work to resist against seemingly impossible odds. This scenario fulfills a common theme in our most-loved movies.

Steve Martin's character suggests in the film Grand Canyon (1991), "All of life's questions are answered in the movies."

As silly as this may seem, he is probably right. Films, like other art forms, address universal situations in love, life and politics. Movies can present believable conflict and inspiring resolution, though Hollywood too often sanitizes the potential for significant lessons with unrealistic scenarios and endings. Nevertheless, we live through the characters and their trials, empathizing through our own experiences, finding connection, personal validation and sometimes relief and satisfaction,

especially when justice is served in the end.

My family loves literature, poetry, music, film and art. I am a firm believer in how individual expressionwith each unique treatment of concept, character, conflict and resolution— helps develop our ability to draw comparisons, make analogies, find introspection, stoke imagination, broaden our understanding, increase our appreciation of life and

its conditions and ultimately become deeper thinkers with increased ability to empathize and feel compassion and humility. If there is a

Conversely, I am certain Rush Limbaugh does not make God smile. Though admittedly clever in his mean-spirited wit, put-downs and simplistic generalities of character, I imagine Limbaugh as one of the poct people. One who was originally a fallen victim and now helping to assimilate others, such as his fellows on the Fox "News" Channel and their chain of infosnatchers, presenting their absurd ideology as fact to the trusting masses.

I sometimes feel as though we are all characters in a movie like Groundhog Duy. The worst of human history keeps threatening to repeat itself over and over, because we have

not yet discovered what we must change to move forward and evolve into smarter, better human beings. The sort of human beings that would make God smile and feel proud of this particular creation.

From yet another angle, we may notice that our world now is actually being crafted into an epic script by master screenplay writers, enhanced by Hollywood make-up artists and distributed by the best promoters in the business. Truth becomes fiction.

Fiction becomes truth. Plastic dolls talk and decent people with real integrity are decimated by character assassins hired by the bad guys.

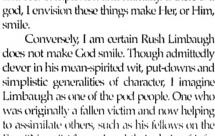
Our lives seem more and more like a Terminator flick. In the past three years, we have lived in a constant state of fear and danger, the arcs of our days peaking in perfect formulaic style. We have a bulky, defective-robot actor playing a real governor in California, delivering old movie lines on perfect cue to boost impressive public-policy speeches or support privileged, urban-cowboy oilmen in their bids to win the presidency/vice-presidency of the most dangerous country in the world. (Though our cowboys hide underground while contriving words like "Bring 'em on." Ah yes, the very essence of Dirty Harry's "Make my day").

But the best fiction is usually a creative metaphor with basis in reality. That's the real horror. Each day I awaken to find a scarymovie scenario playing itself out in our real lives ever more convincingly. The pod people have already taken over the mainstream outlets of information, which are now owned by only six entities with roots firmly embedded in corporate profits. This feeds directly into who makes up our branches of government. They have well situated the hate-spewers and fearmongers who are working tirelessly to numb our minds. They have now installed cameras at most intersections throughout our cities, and they have widely distributed the signs of assimilation in the form of "God Bless America" window clings.

Now all that is left is to convince the rest of us that George W. Bush is both capable and competent enough to continue making decisions for our futures. Forget the lies. Forget the disasters. Forget the past completely.

If only we can learn the lessons from our past, we could get back to our future.

\* NOTE FROM ABOVE: Lest we forget. George Bush and his Secretary of Offense Donald Rumsfeld, each uttered the un-American line "You are either with us or against us," in reference to Americans and non who disagree with their dangerous and self-serving reactionary behavior after terrorists attacked the United States on Sept.11, 2001. Such polarizing statements sound cerily Hitleresque to me.



## Own your education, know your options for financial aid

ANNI KIM THE SEATTHE TIMES, NEXT (KRI)

"I'm broke"

That's a phrase college students everywhere have uttered in a whining or worried tone at least once since entering the luminous halls of the ivory

This phrase, however, might hold a more dire meaning for students and parents during the coming years as tuition continues to rise.

litition and fees at four-year public colleges and universities increased an average of more than 14 percent nationally last year from the 2002-2003 school year, according to the College Board.

In Washington state in the past 10 years, according to the Washington Higher Education percent Ditto for community colleges.

These shocking numbers should cause students either to revolt with pickets in hand or to rush to apply for scholarships and grants to help averrising asts

Yet, bearing from several other students, they aren't aggressively pursuing these options. Instead, many are taking out more loans, working parttime, or their parents are picking up the slack-all necessary options yet better alternatives exist.

College students need to take more financial ownership of their education by taking advantage of the many scholarship opportunities out there. They should view applying for scholarships as their annual responsibility, which can relieve some of the

Coordinating Board, tuition and fees at public - burden from parents and their own future budgets knowledge.

Indeed, students should expect to take out some loans and/or to work part-time to help pay for the rising costs. Yet only a few people I know actually apply for scholarships habitually. Students aren't aggressively pursuing these opportunities as they should.

For example, the Washington Promise Scholarship—a merit- and need-based scholarship-alone will disperse more than \$6 million to students in 2004 in Washington state. But according to Kris Betker at the Higher Education Coordinating Board, out of 10,000 students identified and invited as eligible to apply, only 4,300 actually submitted applications.

Loans are a popular option since they are average student loan debt has increased 66 percent since 1997, according to Nellie Mae's 2002 National Student Loan Survey.

And, of course, these loans accumulate. The average student at a public college in the United States takes out \$16,000 in federal loans by the time he or she graduates from college. Students who attend private colleges take out an average of \$18,000 by graduation.

That's a significant amount of money to repay and not exactly something to look forward to with the limited job opportunities new grads are facing in today/seconomy.

So, why are students increasingly indebting themselves when other sources of funding are See EDUCATION: Page 20



Melanie Williams

## MBSC Activities

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#### Tues., Oct. 5th

7 am	Catholic Campus Ministry
9 am	SAC Exec. Council
11 am	SPO HOMECOMING
11:30 am	Multicultural Affairs Workshop
12 noon	Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
1:30 pm	MSA

3 pm Service Learning South O Seminar 3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi **UNO** Colorguard 4 pm Alpha Xi Delta 6 pm SPO HOMECOMING 6 pm 7 pm Alpha Xi Delta Debate Watch 2004

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11:30 am	Judicial Officer Search Committee
12 noon	Migraines
12 noon	Sponsored Programs Brown Bag
12 noon	Project Achieve Workshops
2 pm	Recruitment Meeting
6 pm	Delta Sigma Pi
7 nm	Student Government

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9:30 am	Retirement Planni

ning Session 11 am SPO Homecoming

Interfraternity Council UNO Black Women 12 noon **FYE Teaching Circle** 6:30 pm Bahai Club 6:30 pm Christ on Campus 7 pm Hockey SPO Homecoming

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From EDUCATION: Page 18 available? Are students just lazy?

I-learing from several college students-to-be, applying for scholarships is just too much work. They're competitive and require essays and paperwork. How tragic.

Yet, especially for students who have their eye on postundergraduate education, taking out more loans than are absolutely necessary isn't a smart long-term plan.

Forty-two percent of borrowers who opted not to attend graduate schoolsaid their already existing debthad a significant influence on their decision, according to a Nellie Mae survey.

Loans are a necessary and beneficial way to pay for one's education, but students shouldn't depend on them. They need to push themselves to actively pursue grants and scholarships. In doing so, they truly will own their education.

#### ON THE WEB

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College Board: www.collegeboard.com Department of Education: www.ed.gov/finaid From OPINION: Page 17

from all the yard work, the headaches come from children, and the stomach and urinary problems are a result of too much fast food.

Of course, the fact that ill health might be related to our lifestyle choices is nothing new. The question is: What is the tradeoff? Do we really want to limit our housing choices based on the strength of this research on publichealth?

I don't think so. This study, like earlier ones, still suffers from a number of very important limitations. They usually don't control for what we eat, how we want to live, or whether people with healthier lifestyles just like living in certain places like downtowns rather than suburbs.

Also, the effects are small. Going from the relatively sprawling Rochester, N.Y., to the less sprawling Chicago would improve health outcomes by about 10 percent, according to

the RAND study. Is that worth dramatically reducing the size of our back yards, spending more time commuting by transit, or letting your mother in-law live over your garage?

Probably not Many of us would much rather reduce the amount of time in front of the TV, go for a walk, or start eating healthier That way, we can still play with our kids in the privacy of our yards and enjoy the singlefamily detached home that was once the American dream.

There are plenty of suburbanites eating right, exercising and suffering no ill effects of their neighborhoods. It's about personal choices. Some people actually choose an unhealthy, sedentary lifestyle filled with fast food and hours of television each day. Most pay the costs of that choice through deteriorating health and higher health insurance premiums. It's the trade-off we

each choose to make.

That said, the debate over land use and health is a good one. The RAND study provides empirical evidence that we need to be more receptive to how land development patterns might create barriers to increased physical activity, but that's a long way from saying we need to sell the homestead and moveback to the city.

We should be embracing sidewalks, allowing developers to build higher densities, and trying to connect neighborhoods to important local services such as the grocery store, pharmacy, and local restaurants. But weshouldn't ignore the truth: Sprawl doesn't kill, our droices about exercise, food, and overall lifestyle impact our health infinitely more than our decision to live in a down town condominium or a detached home with a yard in suburbia.

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